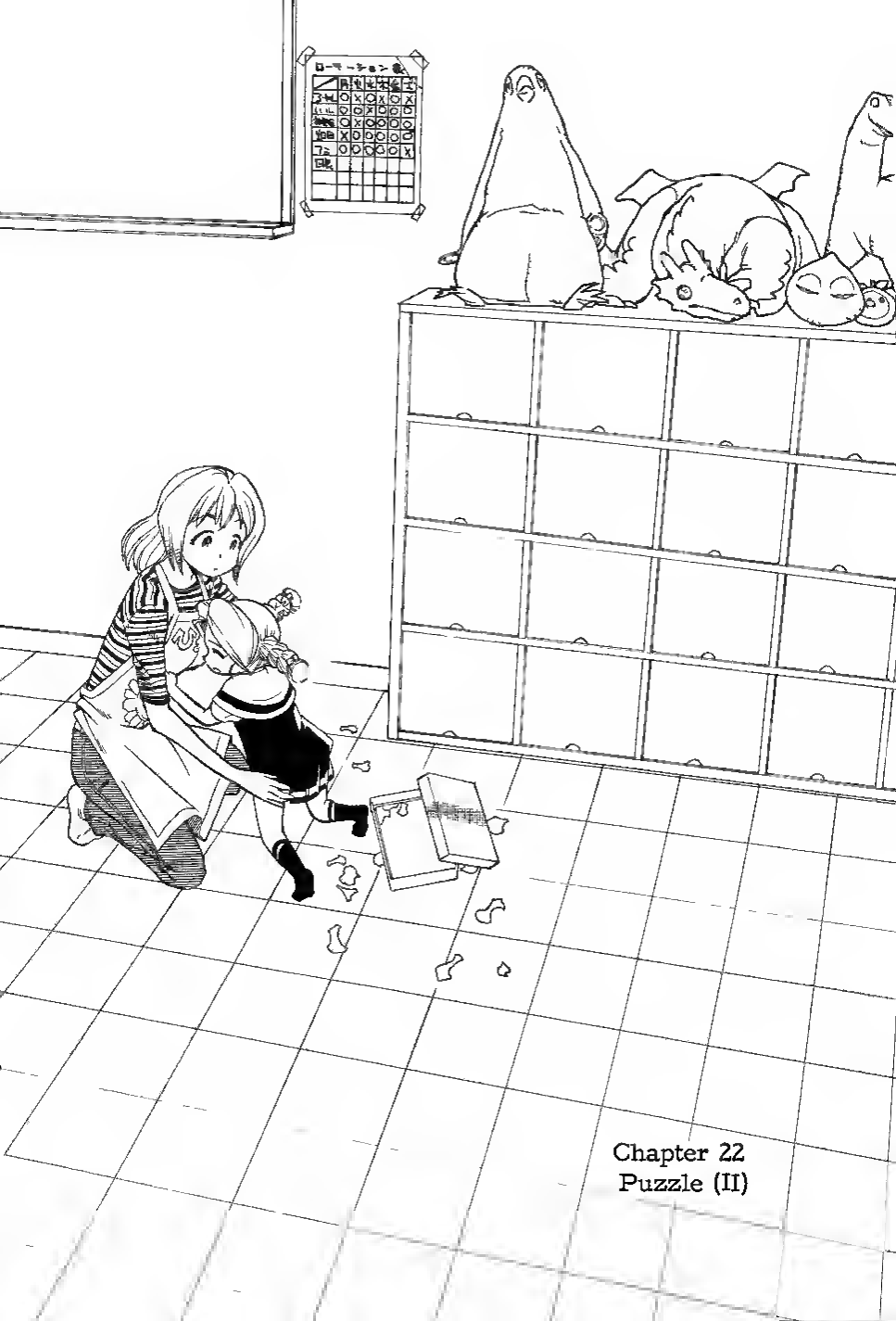

Chapter 22
Puzzle (II)

I see, so the puzzle's all jumbled up
Don't cry! Let's do it again with Haru-sensei!
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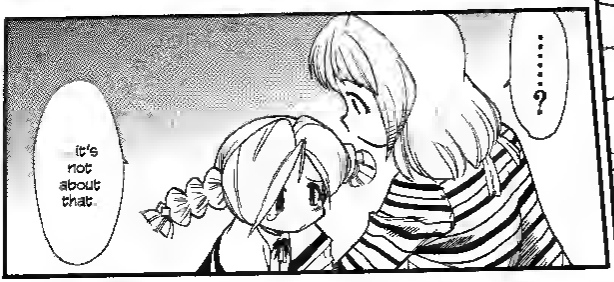
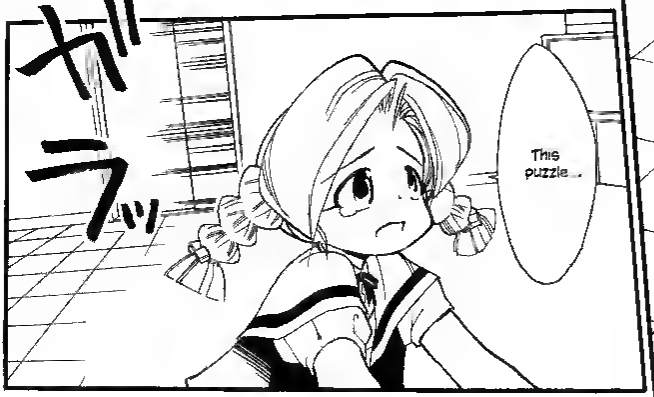
ふるふる


……?
It's not about that.


ガラッ
This puzzle...

GOOD MOR~NING!

!
And hellooo, books!
Haru-chan, Aiko-chan, good morning!
!
Ah . morning, everyone
.....
Step it! Or I'll set mad!
CRASH
CLATTER

Aiko-chan...
.....
Aiko-chan, should I help you?
カリカリ
カリカリ
No, it's okay
Aiko will do it
カリカリ
.....

Suimei-san?
Haru-chan, I'm back
I guess Aiko-chan's already left again
I'm home!
Welcome back!
!
ガラッ
It's all messed up
Oh-
Um, do you know anything about this?
ガサ...
I haven't seen her lately, come to think of it
...I see
I promised Aiko-chan that we'd finish it together

Aiko-chan was crying badly when she saw this
But it's only a puzzle...
Maybe this puzzle means something important to Aiko-chan
She said something about a promise she made to you, Summer-san?
I'd swear we already did this piece...
Where'd it go?
Huh?

ぽんっ
ポト
……?
トン…
Ah, Ai-chan!
Is there anywhere you want to go, Aichan?
You know, Papa still has some vacation left, and Papa has also talked with Mama about taking a trip—
……
ば…
Oh— No, it's nothing
—Is there something up with that puzzle piece?

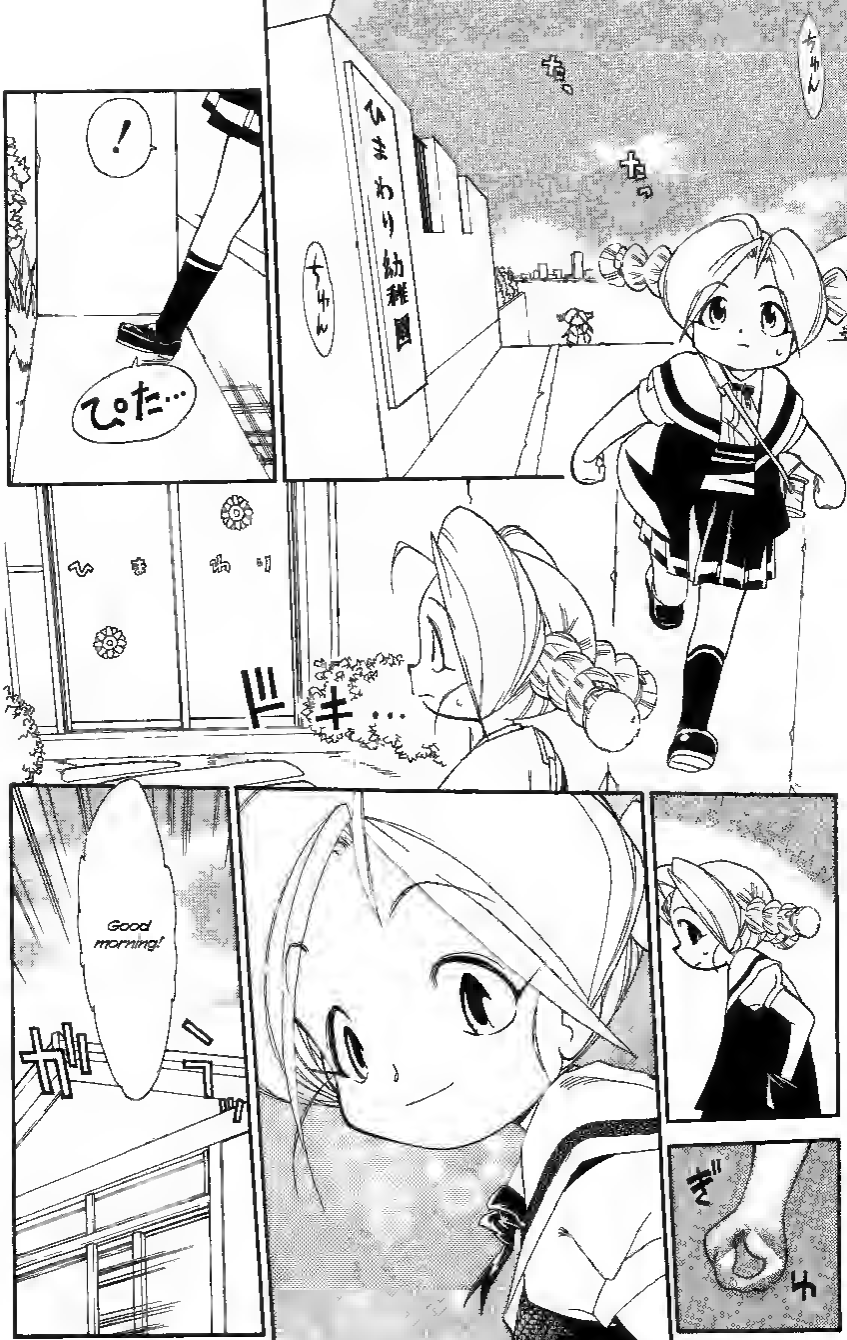
コッ!
!
Tissue! Tissue!
Ai-chan, are you okay?!
セーフ
Yup... I'm fine...
ベロ...
ぶんっ
AHHH!
ぶんっ
Okay...
ギュ...
!
We can do it together!
Should I buy you a new one?

Oh... You don't want another puzzle?
I'm sorry.
This one time, Papa got a handkerchief from Mama.
To him, it was just a normal handkerchief.
It was quite a shock
And one day, Papa lent it to a friend.
and then that friend used it to wipe the table.
Did Mama get angry?
It was so scary! Mama was next to Papa, and then Mama...

ええくさっ
Stop telling her weird stories!
Yes, yes, this is he
Masaki! Phone!
And she was screaming—
Did Papa tell you about the trip?
Yup!
Tomorrow, you said?
Ta-da!
Then how about we go buy some clothes tomorrow?
Aiko wants this one!
Which one should we pick?
Huh?

Ai-chan, Papa wants to see you smiling when we part
It wasn't Papa's decision to leave
Aiko will you please stop crying?
.....
.....?
...Ah, that's right, Ai-chan

Papa?!
I borrowed it and polished it up a bit
Now you can finish that puzzle, right?
Thank you!
See you.
Ai-chan


ちゅん
ひまわり幼稚園
ちゅん
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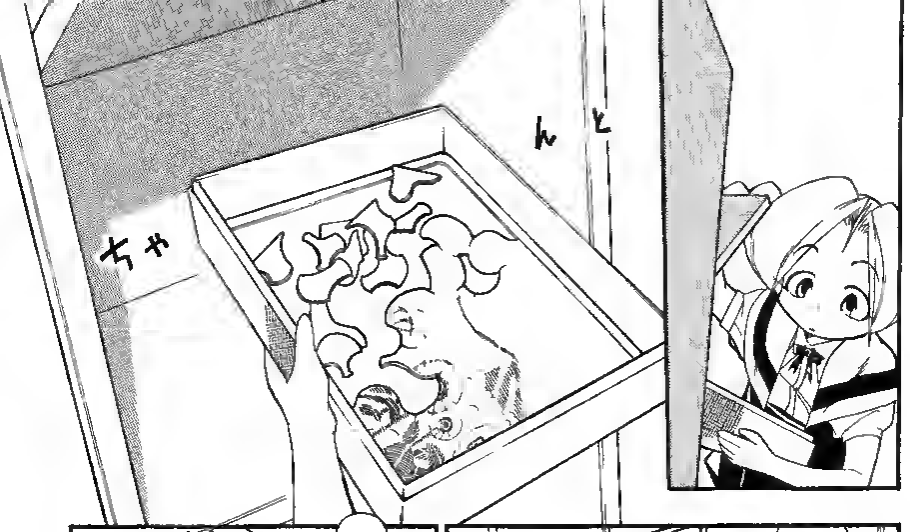
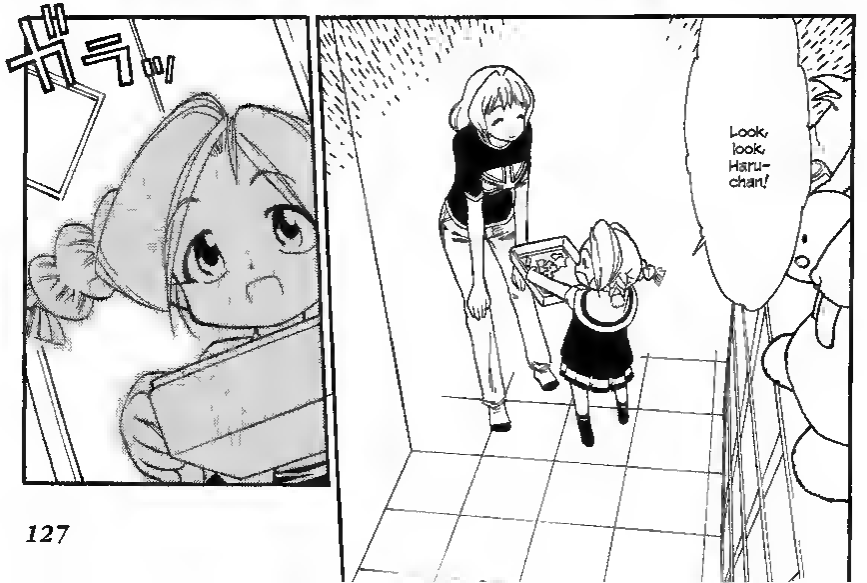
ぴた…
ひまわり
ドキ…
Good morning!
カ
ぎゅ


Good morning, Aiko-chan.
!
Haru-chan...
Hi!


ガラッ
Look, look, Haru-chan!

Morning, Aiko-chan
Oh!
SCHIS MATRIX
ONII-CHA-
0 0 0
は、
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ONII-CHAN!
I guess
Long time no see!
Tehehe!

ゴロゴロ
?
Suimei-sensei!
Ai, Suimei!
!
ぱふ、

ガチャ
?
Hey, Suimei, you better play with us!
I'm going to do a puzzle with Aiko-chan today.
!
Right?
He remembered!
Right!

Say, say, onii-chan, did you do all this?
Yeah, that was me
You're great! It must've been really hard!
Is that really a compli-ment?
I'm getting praised for putting together a child's puzzle
Anyhow, it seems like one of the pieces is missing
Don't worry, just watch!

TA-DA!
Are you done with the puzzle?
Let us have it!
NO!
What's your problem?!

Let's play with Haru-sensei.
;3;
Now you can finish that puzzle, right?
Show it to me when you're done.
Yup!

THANK YOU!
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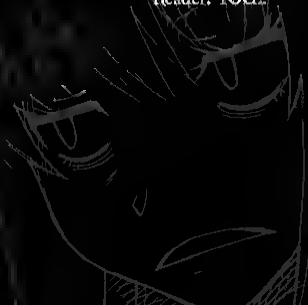

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